

## **Group CEO Nils S. Andersen comment on the interim report 2008**

"We are pleased with the improved results for the first six months of 2008 and that we are making progress in all our major business activities. Especially our oil and offshore business have been positively impacted by increasing oil prices and higher share of oil production as well as high day rates and full employment of rigs and vessels.

The container business has managed to marginally improve results at a time with difficult market conditions. However, the world's current economic situation mixed with high bunker prices and new container tonnage is putting severe pressure on our container business' profitability and we expect this situation to continue for the rest of the year.

A worsening of the global economy in the second half of 2008 will inherently have a negative impact on the Group's result, but given the progress made in first half 2008 we now increase the outlook for the full year 2008, to a net profit in the range of 4.0 to 4.6, up from previously announced USD 3.6 to 4 billion".

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